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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: FINAL MEETING WITH FOURIE

REF: LONDON 20718 AND 20746

1. HALF-HOUR WRAP-UP SESSION WITH OWEN AND FOURIE
(ALONG WITH CARVER, GRAHAM, SCOTT, AMB BOTHA AND SEITZ)
DEC 22 ADDED LITTLE TO CONVERSATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS
DAY. OWEN SAID THAT A SMITH SETTLEMENT WHICH INCLUDED A
BLOCKING THIRD WOULD BE A PYRRHIC VICTORY FOR THE
RHODESIANS. FOURIE AGREED, SAYING HE HAD INFORMED
FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA BY PHONE OF YESTERDAY'S DISCUS-
SIONS AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT BOTHA WOULD TELL
HAWKINS IN PRETORIA THAT A BLOCKING THIRD WOULD NOT
HAVE SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT.

2. OWEN ALSO STRESSED THAT A SETTLEMENT WHICH FAILED
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TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE WOULD SACRIFICE THE
BENEFITS OF TRUE INDEPENDENCE SUCH AS THE ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND, LMF CREDITS, AND ASSOCIATION WITH THE
EEC. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE RHODESIANS HAVE
NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT BRITISH AND AMERICAN ATTITUDES
TOWARDS A SMITH SETTLEMENT.

3. FOURIE SAID HE MAY SEE RHODESIAN OFFICIALS WHEN HIS PLANE TOUCHES DOWN IN SALISBURY TOMORROW. OWEN CAUTIONED THAT SUCH A CONTACT MIGHT BE SEEN AS A LINK BETWEEN HMG AND SMITH, AND ASKED THAT FOURIE NOT REFER TO HIS TALKS HERE. FOURIE AGREED.

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